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**HARMAN STATEMENT AT THE SECOND HOUSE INTELLIGENCE
COMMITTEE HEARING ON FISA**

Says "solution is not to gut FISA and the Fourth Amendment."

WASHINGTON D.C. -- At the second of two open House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence legislative hearings on FISA, Rep. Jane Harman (D-Venice) today made the following statement. The bills under consideration by the committee include the LISTEN Act, authored by Harman and Rep. John Conyers (D-MI), which would ensure that all domestic surveillance of Americans conforms with FISA and the 4th Amendment and requires individual warrants.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for holding a second legislative hearing on this topic.

Ours is the only Committee in the House briefed on the President's Domestic Surveillance program. That confers on the Members of this Committee a special duty -- to ensure that we legislate and conduct our oversight *with great care*. Our colleagues and the American people are counting on us to scrutinize not just the President's NSA program but also any proposed changes to the laws that impact our cherished freedoms.

Before us today are three legislative proposals: (1) the LISTEN ACT, which was co-authored by the distinguished Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee Mr. Conyers; (2) the NSA Oversight Act ... and I welcome Congressmen Schiff and Flake, who got this ball rolling in the Judiciary Committee and who deserve credit for building a bi-partisan proposal; and (3) the Electronic Surveillance Modernization Act, offered by Congresswoman Wilson.

Last week's hearing created a strong record of support for the LISTEN ACT. Since then, the number of co-sponsors has increased to 62, including all 9 minority members of this committee, and we have received additional letters of support, including one from former Congressman Bob Barr.